



# THE BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### FORT PECK, STATE TO SHARE OIL, GAS TAXES

By RICHARD PETERSON, Great Falls Tribune

POPLAR — Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer and leaders from the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribes signed an oil- and gas-production tax agreement — the first of its kind in the nation — during a traditional treaty-signing ceremony Tuesday.

### CULTURE AT PLAY

By [ANGELA BRANDT](#) - Independent Record - 03/28/08



George Lane [IR staff](#) photographer - Jeremy Red Eagle of Helena races to place his small stone on the floor, while playing the Stone House game. Red Eagle used smaller stones than his competition in hopes of a quicker time.

The handful of adults running and screaming while carrying sticks outside the Helena High School gym Thursday afternoon got some

interesting stares from the students who were taking a break from working out.

### TRIBE RECEIVES ECONOMIC PLANNING GRANT

CrowNews.net

The office of Rep. Denny Rehberg has announced that the U.S. Department of Commerce authorized a \$44,000 economic planning grant to be awarded to the Crow tribe.

### INDIAN CLINICS UNCOVER HIGH RATE OF HEPATITIS C

By DIANE COCHRAN, Billings Gazette (03/22/08)

An epidemiological study conducted at two Indian Health Service clinics in Montana uncovered a hepatitis C infection rate that is six times higher than is found in the general population.

### PORT AUTHORITY & BCDC VOICE THEIR SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED MATL PROJECT

By LeAnne Kavanagh Glacier Reporter (03/19/08)

Public hearings on the proposed Montana Alberta Transmission Line drew plenty of public support from government officials, businessmen and women and most agriculture producers in Glacier, Toole and Pondera County last week.

The March 11 hearing in Great Falls attracted some 125 interested individuals, while nearly 100 people crammed into the crowded Cut Bank Voting Center for the hearing in Cut Bank the following night.

### **BUSH BRIEF BACKS TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION**

Indianz.com (03/24/08)

The Bush administration is standing up for tribal court jurisdiction in a [U.S. Supreme Court](#) case that is drawing a high level of attention.

In a brief filed last week, the [Department of Justice](#) heralded tribal courts as playing a "vital role" in tribal self-governance. Citing long-standing federal policy and acts of Congress, government attorneys urged the high court to respect the decisions of tribal judicial systems.

### **COBELL PLAINTIFFS SEEK \$58B FOR INDIAN TRUST BENEFICIARIES**

Indianz.com (03/21/08)

In papers filed on Wednesday, the Cobell plaintiffs asked a federal judge to put \$58 billion in the Indian trust.

### **OPINION: SHOULD TRIBES CONSIDER DITCHING BLOOD REQUIREMENTS? - FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008**

By Jodi Rave, The Missoulian (03/14/08)

PHILADELPHIA - Some of the greatest legal scholars of our time recently sat in judgment of a hypothetical court case, asked to determine the fairness of a futuristic race-based affirmative action program.

### **STATE-TRIBAL AGREEMENT COULD TRANSFORM RESERVATION**

Great Falls Tribune 03/28/08

Central and northern Montana make way for

more wind mills; developers keep a sharp eye on the possibility of building ethanol plants; coal is dug in southeastern Montana and burned there and in many other states; and natural gas heats homes and spins turbines.

### **HEART DISEASE STRIKING YOUNGER BLACKFEET**

Glacier Reporter (03/26/08)

Most people think of heart disease and heart attacks as health risks faced by older people. But in Browning and surrounding areas, more and more young people are also being affected by cardiovascular disease.

### **MONTANA TRIBES TO SHARE LIVING HISTORIES AT MSU SYMPOSIUM**

Glacier Reporter ( 03/26/08)

Representatives from all of Montana's tribal colleges will share the living history of their people at a symposium set May 1-2 at Montana State University's Museum of the Rockies.

### **TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS BENEFIT RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES**

**WASHINGTON, DC**, March 25, 2008 (ENS) - In Idaho, the Nez Perce Tribe will receive \$200,000 in federal grant funding to assist in the restoration of bighorn sheep and their habitat along the Salmon River. The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes will receive \$197,000 to restore the swift fox on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and across northeastern Montana.

### **TRIBES PUSH FOR CHANGE IN FEDERAL POLICY FOR WIND DEVELOPMENT**

by: Shadi Rahimi Indian Country Today © (03/24/08)

ROSEBUD, S.D. - Energy experts say the swift,

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steady Dakota winds in the northern Great Plains could theoretically meet the nation's entire electrical needs with clean, renewable power. But federal legislation has been thwarting a greener energy future led by tribes.

## JOB VACANCIES:

**ENTERPRISE PROJECT MANAGER**, POSITION #61136385, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$54,276 to \$81,415 DOQ. Manages information technology projects within ITSD and leads the operations of the Project Management Office of the Policy and Planning Bureau. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. Monday April 14, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=318](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=318)

**OFFICE ASSISTANT (PROPERTY VALUATION SPECIALIST)**; Position Number: 58108197, Division: Property Assessment Division, Salary: 3-G9/\$9.55 – \$11.35/hr DOQ, Status: Permanent/Full Time, Location: Hamilton, Union: Yes, Supplement: No, Closing Date: April 9, 2008

**BANK EXAMINER**, POSITION #61103629, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$32,533 to \$48,800 DOQ. Examines banks to determine financial and operating condition. Extensive overnight travel required. Application deadline: Open until filled, applicants encouraged to apply by 4/9/08. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=247](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=247)

**ACCOUNTANT**, POSITION #61162006, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Glendive. Salary \$32,470 to \$45,000 DOQ. Maintains Budgetary, Accounting and Reporting Systems for Montana Local Governments. Develops and updates chart of accounts, annual and final budget documents and implements section accounting and budgeting policies and provides technical assistance to local government entities. Some travel is required. Application deadline: Monday April 7, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=316](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=316)

SCHOOL OPENINGS FOR 08-09 @ ST. LABRE INDIAN SCHOOL, ASHLAND, MT:

**DORM AIDE** April 11, 2008 (Internal/External)  
**ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**-Open Until Filled  
**HS ART TEACHER**-Open Until Filled  
**HS BUSINESS TEACHER**-Open Until Filled  
**HS COUNSELOR**-Open Until Filled  
**HS ENGLISH TEACHER**-Open Until Filled  
**HS MATH TEACHER**-Open Until Filled  
**HS SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER**-Open Until Filled  
**HS THEOLOGY TEACHER**-Open Until Filled  
**ACADEMY MATH TEACHER**-Open Until Filled  
**K-4 TEACHER**-Open Until Filled  
**ELEM PE/HEALTH TEACHER**-Open Until Filled

**K-12 MUSIC TEACHER**-Open Until Filled

SCHOOL OPENINGS FOR 08-09 @ PRETTY EAGLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, ST. XAVIER, MT:

**ADMIN. SECRETARY**-April 4, 2008 (Internal Only)  
**CUSTODIAN**-April 11, 2008, (Internal/External)  
**ELEMENTARY TEACHER** -Open Until Filled  
**MATH TEACHER 5-8**-Open Until Filled  
**ACADEMIC SUPPORT**-Open Until Filled

SCHOOL OPENINGS FOR 08-09 @ ST. CHARLES MISSION SCHOOL, PRYOR, MT:

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER**-Open Until Filled

## STUDENTS TO ACADEMIC PROFESSORIAL FOR AMERICAN INDIANS SAPAI & OUTREACH

**MANAGER**; Position Type: Academic, Department: University of Montana PACE, Closing Date: Screening Begins 03/07/2008 and will continue until position is filled, Schedule: Full-time, 12 months/year 1.0 FTE, Entry Rate: In the range of \$35,000 - will be adjusted based on an applicant's experience and qualifications, Benefits: Medical Insurance/Mandatory Retirement/Professional Development/Partial Tuition Waiver/Wellness

## EVENTS/TRAINING:

### TRIBAL KNOWLEDGE TOPIC OF APRIL CONFERENCE

A forum for dialogue about tribal knowledge guardianship and to discuss issues of indigenous research and data collection will be held at UM April 15-17. The conference -- "Intersecting Interests: Tribal Knowledge and Research Communities" -- includes speakers such as Ryan Heavy Head and Narcisse Blood, academic scholars and spiritual leaders of the Kainai tribe at Standoff, Alberta, as well as eminent American Indian statesman Sam Deloria, who has long worked for Indian civil rights and law and policy influence.

## GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

### IHS SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline Extension** - The deadline for receipt of new **IHS SCHOLARSHIP** applications has been extended to April 28, 2008.

Instructions for Applying:

*Friday, March 28, 2008*

- [Download the Application Handbook](#) - The Application Handbook contains information on the IHS Scholarship Program, [application forms](#), a step-by-step explanation of needed documentation for a complete application.
- **To complete the online application [please click here](#).** If you complete this portion online you do not need to fill out the paper version of Form IHS-856 (Bubble Sheet) or Reasons for Requesting Scholarship Form.

Note: If you would like to apply manually please [contact](#) the IHS Scholarship Office to receive all necessary paper forms.

On behalf of the Indian Health Service, thank you for your interest in serving your fellow American Indian and Alaska Native people.

### **MONTANA/DAKOTAS CHALLENGE COST SHARE PROGRAM**

Bureau of Land Management program to promote cost-sharing partnerships with non-federal entities for the purpose of public land management of important resources such as cultural, fisheries, recreation, wildlife, special status plants, and native plant communities.

Expected Number of Awards: 5  
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$185,000

**If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:**

Lori Anderson  
Grants & Agreements Specialist  
Phone 406-896-5196 [Grants Management Officer](#)

### **WILDFIRE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE IN MT, ND AND SD**

Bureau of Land Management program to reduce the risk and impact of Wildfire on communities within Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota through protection planning, hazardous fuels reduction, maintenance and monitoring, mitigation and education activities.

Award Ceiling: \$100,000  
Award Floor: \$5,000

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### **(NATIVE AMERICAN) GRANTEE WILL IMPROVE VICTIM SERVICES**

**Agency:** Justice Dept. (Office for Victims of Crime);  
**Program:** Counseling & Faith-Based Services for Crime Victims in Indian Country (CFDA Number: 16.582);  
**Eligibility:** Native American governments and organizations;  
**Funding:** \$750,000 for one award; **Deadline:** April 14.

**Purpose:** Grantee will enhance the ability of victim services organizations to collaborate with and support tribal, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. The goals are to ensure these entities can provide counseling services to victims of crime and to determine best practices for facilitating counseling services by faith-based organizations. Applicants must have knowledge and understanding of AI/AN victimization issues and a credible capacity to work with faith-based and tribal organizations.

**Info:** Renee Williams, 202/616-3218

### **(NATIVE AMERICAN) GRANTEE WILL PROVIDE TRAINING, TECH ASSISTANCE**

**Agency:** Justice Dept. (Office for Victims of Crime);  
**Program:** Training & Technical Assistance for Counseling & Faith-Based Services for Crime Victims in Indian Country (CFDA Number: 16.582); **Eligibility:** Native American governments and organizations; **Funding:** \$500,000 for one award; **Deadline:** April 14.

**Purpose:** Grantee will support tribal, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations that have received funding under the FY 2008 Counseling and Faith-Based Services for Crime Victims in Indian Country grant program. Grantee will provide comprehensive, culturally appropriate training and technical assistance to enhance the development and expansion of organizations' capabilities to provide counseling services to crime victims.

**Info:** Renee Williams, 202/616-3218